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Father Yvan has reminded us during his homely, referring to the liturgical texts, that we were to touch Jesus and to let us be touched by Him. The Saints, our elder brothers in faith, are first in the intimacy with Christ. Here in Lisieux, we benefit from St Teresa's presence. Among the key events of the day, it is necessary to mention the guided visits of the places that have led to a lot of joy and emotion for several of us... we have been touched, touched to the very core of our hearts. In a similar and consistent way, something amazing occurred during the celebration of the holy Mass ; we were not able to celebrate at the central altar of the cathedral, because of the preparations for a concert that was due that same evening. So we found ourselves



in the choir of the church, that is the sanctuary, very close to the heart of the Church. Bring back to mind this little sentence from Saint Teresa : « In the heart of the Church, my mother, I will be Love ». Huddled all together, in a heart to heart of the most amazing kind ! So physically and spiritually the Lord forged the links of our unity. This communion of love lasted during

the vigil with a web of dances and songs, on the one hand, and the testimonials of the countries' saints, on the other hand. This communion carries on during the adoration of the Saint Sacrament where the Lord keeps on touching us.

